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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT *8/29/09*

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 7 and add new claims 12-15 as follows.

Sub B1 7. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 1, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate. *A1*

A2 12. (New) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 2, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate. -- *Sub B1*